

NOTHING NEW OR SEN- SATIONAL IN PLATFORM

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The most significant feature of the platform adopted at Chicago yesterday by the Republican National convention is the entire absence of anything new, startling or sensational in it. There is not a single departure from the established and approved lines of safety. It is an exceedingly plain document, possibly somewhat prosy, but all the more understandable for that. For it is unmistakably true that all over this land there is to-day a strong undercurrent of sentiment which demands that at this time of all others there is no pyrotechnic politics and no experimental legislation. There have been events and developments not necessary to enumerate during the past few years which have bred a longing for the old conservative and quieting courses of former days instead of the newer and more spectacular statesmanship which imparts unrest and uncertainty not only to the political situation but to commercial and industrial conditions. Therefore, while the platform of 1904 is a positive document throughout, and by no means a negative declaration, it will appeal strongly to the American people for having ignored those issues which the Democratic party has sought to inject into the campaign and for its close adherence to the well-known principles of the Republican party which have been faithfully lived up to by that party for almost half a century.

Taken as a whole, the declarations of the National convention are a record rather than a platform. While on such subjects as require specific and definite announcement, such as the tariff, the gold standard, the upbuilding of the American merchant marine and a navy commensurate with the importance of the United States as a world power, the planks are positive and unequivocal. The greater part of the platform is a recital of the accomplishments of the Republican party. Especially during the past seven years are these achievements worthy the careful attention of the American people. They will be found succinctly set forth in this platform. While some may carp at this, it is but stating a truism to say that a record is better than a prospectus. At St. Louis two weeks from now the country will be given a prospectus. It will be told what the Democratic party intends to do. Against this the Republican party shows what it has done. The American people, like Patrick Henry, "has no other light to guide their feet than the lamp of experience." It has been said that experience is a dear school, but fools will learn in no other. Within the past eleven years the American people have been pupils in both the Democratic and the Republican schools. For their experience under Grover Cleveland and Democratic free trade theories as embodied in the Wilson tariff bill they paid most dearly. Under a Republican administration and laws based upon the economic principles of which William McKinley was the greatest exemplar, they have sat in peace and comfort under their own vine and fig tree and have shared in the progress which by leaps and bounds the United States has made the pathway of business and commercial developments. They are not

likely to be led astray this year by a plentitude of Democratic promises easily made but never kept. They know what the Democratic party has done and what it will do again if entrusted with the government of the country. They know, too, what the Republican party has done, is doing and will continue to do should the suffrages of the voters continue in charge of the destinies of the nation.

The plank upon the tariff is naturally the most important declaration of the convention. However speciously the Democracy may strive to conceal its real purposes, and however it may try to persuade the people that with a Republican Senate no anti-tariff legislation can be had for four years—an argument as fallacious and dishonest as that of the burglar who asks to be admitted to your home, because he has neither a jimmy with which to force the doors, nor false keys with which to unlock your safe—there is no room for doubt that Democratic success this year would precipitate such an uncertainty as would practically paralyze the industries and business of the country. The Republican party has no need to make new or startling declarations on the tariff. Its policy is so well known that he who reads may run. The platform plainly sets it forth. There is nothing new in it because the truth is ever the same. As has been indicated in dispatches to the Times, the Republican party stands by its old time traditions. Schedules are not sacred. "Time makes an ancient god uncouth." Changing conditions may make changes necessary in the schedules, but the work must be entrusted to a Republican Congress and to a Republican President. If the tariff is to be revised the work must be done by the friends of the tariff system and not by its enemies, the Democratic party, whose doctrine, hoary with years and tradition, is free trade pure and simple.

There is no lack of generous recognition and indorsement of Theodore Roosevelt. Coupled with a tribute to the great American, William McKinley, is an equally just tribute to Theodore Roosevelt, his successor. For the achievements of his administration, from his efforts to end the anthracite coal strike to the construction of the Panama canal, the platform pays him that honor which is justly his due. It voiced no more than the sentiment of the whole party when it said: "His administration has been throughout vigorous and honorable, high minded and patriotic. We commend it without reservation to the considerate judgment of the American people."

To that judgment the Republican party need not fear to appeal. The signs of the times are auspicious. The party presents a clean candidate, courageous, manly and brave, one who has been tried and not found wanting. Its platform is a record of things done, not of things written or spoken. The stars in their courses are for Republican success in next November. Those who are worthy shall receive the crown, and both party, principles and candidate are worthy of the people's confidence in the highest sense of the term.—Pittsburgh Times.

FAT ON A FOWL

It is Not So Good a Thing as Some Housekeepers Think.

"When I see men or women looking for nothing but fat on a fowl," said a marketman, "I don't envy them their dinner. There is a layer of fat underneath the skin when poultry is unduly fattened, and in the cooking this overheated fat saturates the meat, and delicate stomachs have a hard tussle. This is why lots of people can't eat ducks and geese at all. These overfattened fowls are in reality more expensive and less easily digested, there being much less lean meat in proportion to the fat. Most of my customers are now willing to pay what a good turkey is worth, understanding the difference. What is the difference? Why, there are a few rules that must be observed. For at least six days before killing barnyard fowls must be cooped, not huddled, have a good, clean space and be well fed on corn for at least five days. Then for twenty-four hours before killing they should be fed on skimmed milk or soft boiled rice. The night before the killing the turkey must have plenty of water, but no food, which leaves the crop empty, the intestines clean, the dark meat quite light, and gives a flavor as different as possible from the offensive flavor that is likely to impregnate the common fowl killed in the common way. The flesh of all animals is flavored by their food. This accounts for the delicious flavor of the canvassback and redhead ducks. Both eat of the wild celery at the water's edge, the former taking the roots, the latter the tops."—Philadelphia Record.

LABRADOR.

It is a Picturesque Country With Many Great Waterfalls.

Labrador externally is forbidding and discouraging. She is not all moss covered rock, however. From a scenic point of view she has something to offer that will interest the world. Unfortunately it is possible to reach the country by water during only four months of the year. Dog sledges and snowshoes are the medium of travel the remainder of the year. There are no roads.

The interior of Labrador has been found to be tableland, about 1,500 feet above sea level, the foothills of which reach down to the Atlantic coast. Piercing these foothills at intervals along the 700 miles of coast line are deep inlets, some of which resemble Norwegian fjords. Of these perhaps the most picturesque is Nachrach bay, 1,100 miles north of St. John's. It is a mile or more wide and twenty miles long. Great shoudering cliffs, more than 1,500 feet high, jut out into the water on either side, glistening cascades tumble over their sides, and mystifying sea caverns lure one to explore them. Fifteen miles from the mouth is a waterfall of tremendous height. Its altitude has been variously estimated at from 400 to 600 feet. Tumbling over the edge of the cliff in a cascade, it takes this great leap and then dashes along on its foamy way down several hundred feet until it drops into the bay. This is by no means the largest waterfall in the country.—New York Tribune.

The Camel Raid.

Camels in Somaliland are kept in great herds sometimes numbering 20,000. Such numbers involve wide areas for grazing and consequent distances from the few places where water may be found. The ponies used by the Somalis can also manage without drink for three or four days and when employed for herding have, like their masters, only camels' milk to quench their thirst. These big herds offer, of course, a tremendous temptation to the raider, as many as 10,000 camels being taken at a time, and the excitement of driving off such a haul at full gallop for forty or fifty miles, with the exasperated owner possibly hard in pursuit and the chances of the raider finding his own camp has fallen a prey to some other tribal diversion, appeals irresistibly to the excitable Somali.

Talismans in War.

It was not at all unusual for soldiers and others who were exposed to danger to wear talismans by way of protection. A story which gained credence is told of a soldier in the time of the Prince of Orange. He was a Spanish prisoner, and on being condemned to be shot it was found that he was invulnerable. The soldiers stripped him to see what kind of armor he wore, but it was discovered that he was not protected in that way, but an amulet on which was the figure of a lamb was found on his person. This was taken away from him, and the shots took effect.

Food For Escaped Prisoners.

In Siberia the houses in every village upon the main street facing the road have little windows with shelves about six feet above the ground, and on these shelves the inmates place whatever food they have to spare. This is a custom handed down from a former period to aid escaped prisoners, the shelves being placed at that height so as to prevent dogs from getting at the food.

The Home Makers.

"If there are only three essentials to a home," remarked the pudgy little matron, after the others had said their say, "they are rugs, hardwood floors and a man."—Chicago Tribune.

Misplaced Sympathy.

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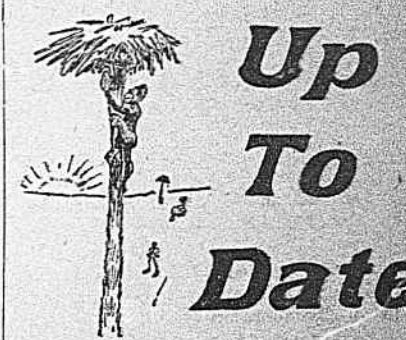
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